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Rep. Bernard Schaber Statement on Republican Passage of Walker's Bill

MADISON – Rep. Penny Bernard Schaber (D-Appleton) released the following statement upon the passage of Special Session Assembly Bill 11. The final vote of 51-17 was taken so quickly that 28 members, Republicans, Democrats and Independents alike, were denied their right to vote.

"Following 60 hours of long, hard work on the Assembly Floor, Assembly Republicans shut down debate and rushed a vote on final passage of Governor Walker's poorly crafted and dangerous bill. I am severely disappointed in the outcome.

The stubborn nature of my colleagues across the aisle has me very discouraged. Not only did the Republicans object to every amendment offered by Assembly Democrats, but many wouldn't even stand and explain their support for the bill. We attempted to improve this horrible legislation, but the Republican Leadership chose to turn a blind eye.

I am so proud of my Democratic colleagues and the way we fought together for the workers across our state. This is a huge blow to the integrity of our state, but the fight is not over, our work is not done. I will continue to stand with all workers in Wisconsin!"

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